



# The Herald of St. Francis

**April 2009**  
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**Next Meeting:**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
@ 1:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.  
for Inquirers,  
Candidates and  
Professed Formation

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region  
Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saxer Ave. & Rolling Rd., Springfield Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064  
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**If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Rita Dourdoufis at 610-352-2413.**

## Minister's Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever noticed the music at Mass on Palm Sunday? I never gave it much thought until I started serving as Cantor.

The Entrance Hymn is always a glorious, explosion of praise. You can see the people lining the route into Jerusalem. A joyous, frenzied scene full of hope – at last the Messiah is here.

Just minutes later, the Responsorial Psalm is crying out My God, My God, why have you abandoned me? The hope and joy has plummeted in a matter of minutes. It leaves a hollow, empty feeling.

The suggestion for a Communion Hymn is always Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

If you were there, what role would you take? It's easy to say what role you would take with 2000 years worth of information to work with. But what role would you take if you lived at that time, with only three years of hearsay and speculation? Are you brave enough to stand at the foot of the Cross? Are you brave enough

*Please remember Jean Cannon in your prayers. Jean went home to the Lord on March 12 after many years of a devastating illness.*

now to stand against the crowd and choose Christ? Following this path certainly has its ups and downs. But there is always the glory of Easter Morning to keep us going.

No matter how high the highs, or how low the lows, never lose sight of the love of God that brings us to the magnificence of the Resurrection. May the joy of Easter morning live in your heart!

Blessings,  
Kate

## Our April Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, April 5, 2009 (one week earlier than usual) at 1:30 p.m. in Conway hall. We will recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and after our regular meeting and prayers, we will proceed to St. Francis Church for Benediction.

*"And we will be involved in the monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community."*

--from The Lay Franciscan Monthly Pledge

## Liturgy of the Hours

Evening prayer for Palm Sunday is found on pages 786 and 390.

## Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for the missions, cancelled stamps and caps off of aluminum cans should be given to Rose Marie Gantz.

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## Prayer Requests

*"You are to help your brothers until the Lord gives them rest."*  
-- The Book of Joshua

Please remember in prayer: Santa Ricci, Grace Holley and her granddaughter Michelle Davis; Frances Bellew, Kimberly Gilligan (Niece of Marie Gilligan); Marie Frantini's daughter (Marie Dolores); Christine Truitt; Antoinette Iorio; Jean Cannon; Betty Downey, JoAnne Troup and her family, Bernie Kleinert (Kate Kleinert's Husband), Mary Ann Palmer, Jeanette Anderson (Rose Marie Anderson's daughter-in-law), Mary Betancourt, Lisa Davis (Marie Gilligan's daughter-in-laws mother); Cyrilla Pine, Marian McCole, Christine Somers, Father Paul Stenson, Mary Stenson, 4 yr old Evan Nickel, Jean Burns (if you would like to send Jean a card her address is St. Martha's Manor, Rm. 202; 470 Manor Ave., Downingtown, PA 1933).

## Francis Inn Needs:

- Mens' and Womens' thermals
- Scarves, hats and gloves
- Tuna fish
- Hot Cocoa mix

## April Profession Anniversaries

- Dorothy Leaf (1950)

## Formation

Formation sessions begin at 12:30 p.m. in Conway Hall.

- Professed will be reviewing Chapter D5
- Inquirers: Come & See, Chapter 2
- Candidates: Catch Me a Rainbow Too, Chapters 2 and 3

## April Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

- 3 St Benedict the Black
- 16 St Bernadette Soubirous
- 17 St Benedict Joseph Labre
- 21 St Conrad of Parzham
- 23 Bl Giles of Assisi
- 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- 28 Bl Luchesius

## Reminder

The 2009 Guides for The Liturgy of the Hours are available. The price is \$3.50. Just a reminder to please pay for the Guides that were distributed at the December meeting.

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